

Town of Union – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Union Town Hall

The Town of Union meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Franke on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Jon Franke, Supervisor Dennis Rauls, Treasurer Starr Janecek, and Clerk Fay Urban present. Supervisor Paige Huber was absent due to illness. Others in attendance was Patrolman David Smith, Debbie Smith, Lonnie Muller, Bob Vodak, Tim and Julie Hotek, Stacey Klein, and Connor Buss.

Proof of Posting – Yes

Public Comment – Tim Hotek discussed Wilderness LN. Chairman Franke will look into his concerns.

Special Guest Stacey Klein, candidate for 32 district. She discussed her view on different topics.

Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Franke to approve the minutes from the July meeting and the special meeting held in July regarding the grader. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The general checking account has a balance of \$9,390.34 and the MMDA has a balance of \$43,610.70 as of Wednesday, August 21, 2024. The town received our August settlement for the property taxes.

Clerks Report

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Motion by Franke and seconded by Rauls to pay the bills as presented and transfer \$21,000 from the MMDA to the general checking account. All in favor, motion carried.

The mail was presented to the board. This included a letter from Vernon County regarding dates for salt pickup, a construction form, and notice of personal property aid. A discussion was held on the estimate for the population in the Town of Union. The board would like a letter drafted to the Amish asking for a count regarding how many households and the number of people in each household.

Old Business

Canyon Lane, Timber Lane Updates – The patrolman cleaned up the tree that was cut down on Canyon LN. It will need to be graveled and may need a culvert. On Timber LN, they are planning to cut the trees this winter.

Dump Lights – Rauls would like to get four signs with the new hours of the dump. Lighting will be needed year long. Rauls will get an estimate for the lighting.

New Business

Road Gravel, Areas and Volumes – Discussion was held on how much gravel is needed. Patrolman Smith will measure the roads that need gravel and get back to the board on his findings.

Shop Supplies, Bulk Oil – Discussion was held regarding bulk oil. Motion by Franke and seconded by Rauls to purchase 100 gallons of 15W-40 oil and 100 gallons of quick lift hydraulic oil from United Cooperative. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss Donations – Jack Heding offered to donate \$20,000.00 to have Twin Ash seal coated. The board discussed the total cost to seal coat it. It would require prep work and a double coat of seal coat. Rauls will contact Mr. Heding to discuss this matter with him.

Discuss Cutting and Trimming on Easements this Winter – The board ask Smith to map out the areas that need to

trimmed this winter. Smith recently talked to the Department of Transportation regarding to signs by the town hall and town shop. It could take several months for the sign to come.

Grinding Stump on Pine – The town received two estimates to remove the stump, Vesback for \$316.50 and Kubarski for \$250.00. Motion by Franke and seconded Rauls to take the lower bid by Kubarski for \$250. All in favor, motion carried.

Culvert Replacement – Smith got bids from First Supply, Ross & Supply, and Vernon County for culverts. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Patrolman's Report –

Road Report – They have started to trim some trees, put up more fire signs and sweeping the roads before seal coat patching.

Equipment update: The grader is being repaired.

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Huber had a letter with three concerns. First item was burning and burying trash. She would like the town send out letters to educate the dangers for burning and burying trash. The board approved the letter that was drafted. The second item was putting up signs on election day by the town hall to post the polling hours and to warn drivers to slow down because of traffic pulling in and out of the town hall. The thrid item is painting the front door.

Supervisor Rauls reported he is going to draft up a sign with dump rules that states the WI state law. He will get two different estimates for the signs.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Franke turned in two checks for fire/address signs.

Set Date for Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment – Motion made by Rauls and seconded by Franke to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Fay Urban, Town Clerk